

FISH HOOK WITH BAIT ATTACHMENT CLIP

Abstract

Fishing tackle (10) constructed in accordance with the principles of a preferred embodiment of the present invention and configured for coupling to a fishing line (L) to secure a lure (B) thereto for catching fish is disclosed. The illustrated fishing tackle (10) broadly includes a fish hook (12) operable to be coupled to the fishing line (L), a bait-attachment clip (14) coupled to the hook (12), and a flexible sleeve (36) slidably received on the hook (12) and configured to removably couple the bait-attachment clip (14) thereto in an operative position. The bait-attachment clip (14) is configured for quickly and securely clamping the bait (B) to the hook (12). A preferred alternative embodiment (100) is also disclosed wherein the clip (104) is integrally formed with the hook (102) and thus does not utilize the sleeve (36). The inventive combination enables a lure, such as live or artificial bait, to be more readily coupled to the hook in a secure manner that does not impair the lure for example, in the case of live bait, the bait need not be impaled yet prevents the fish from "stealing" the lure

off of the hook and allows the lure to be quickly replaced with a different lure at the fisherman's discretion.